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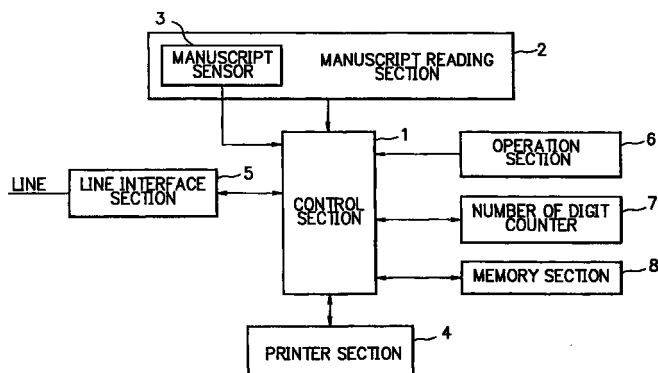
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(54) **Facsimile-copy combined apparatus**

(57) In a facsimile-copy combined apparatus, selection of one of either facsimile transmission or copying operation is implemented automatically corresponding to an input operation of a ten key 10 although the user does not implement operation and so forth. Control section 1 counts digits of numerical value and/or numerical value of a forefront-digit inputted from an operation section 6 by a digit counter 7 to store in memory section 8. On one hand, facsimile transmission of a manuscript data from a manuscript reading section 2 is implemented through line interface section 5 to telephone number based on digits of inputted numerical value and/or numerical value of the forefront-digit of the inputted numerical value. On the other hand, print-output according to number of copies based on the digits and/or numerical value of the forefront-digit is imple-

mented through the printer section 4. Here, when zero is numerical value of the forefront-digit of the inputted numerical value, or when zero is not numerical value of the forefront-digit of the inputted numerical value and the inputted numerical value exceeds the maximum number of copies (prescribed numerical value) to be capable of copying, the inputted numerical value is judged as telephone number of facsimile transmission destination. While when zero is not numerical value of the forefront-digit of the inputted numerical value and the inputted numerical value does not exceed the prescribed numerical value, state is judged as copying operation and the inputted numerical value is judged as number of copies.

**FIG. 1**



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